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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 84-181-C - ORDER NO. 84-593

July 19, 1984

IN RE: Application of MCI Telecommunications) ORDER GRANTING for a Certificate of Public Convenience) MOTION TO ALLOW and Necessity and Establishment of Rates) OUT OF STATE ATTORNEYS) TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE) COMMISSION

This matter comes before the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the Commission) by way of a Motion by General Telephone Company of the Southeast (GTSE) whereby GTSE, pursuant to R.103-803 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, seeks a waiver of Commission Rule 103-804S(b) so that Dale E. Sporleder, Wayne L. Goodrum, and Joe W. Foster (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "in-house counsel") be allowed to appear as counsel on its behalf in the above matter.

GTSE asserts its in-house counsel are admitted to practice law in other states, are fully familiar with the subject matter of this proceeding, and are familiar with the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure and will abide by same. GTSE alleges that it had previously engaged local counsel, but because of a conflict, the local counsel will not be available for the proceedings before the Commission. Additionally, GTSE asserts that it would be difficult and create a hardship on GTSE to associate counsel at this late date because of the complex factual and regulatory issues involved in this case.

After reviewing the Motion of GTSE, the Commission is of the opinion that requiring GTSE's compliance with R.103-804S(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations would produce unusual hardship or difficulty and should be waived. The Commission finds waiver of R.103-804S(b) to be in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That R.103-804S(b) be, and hereby is, waived so that General Telephone Company of the Southeast may be represented by Dale E. Sporleder, Wayne L. Goodrum, and Joe W. Foster before the Commission in the proceedings in the instant Docket.
- 2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)